

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Ms. Kathleen Ferguson
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Dear Ms. Ferguson:

Thank you for your recent interaction regarding the fuel clean-up at Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB). It is clear that you understand the seriousness of this spill and the concerns of Albuquerque residents who rely on the aquifer for their drinking water. We are very glad to hear that you are planning a visit to Albuquerque this month to learn about this situation first hand.

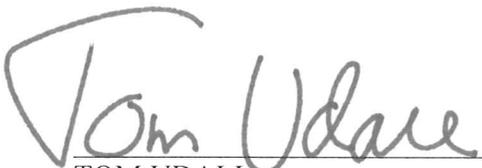
We are also pleased to hear that the Air Force will continue to provide the necessary funding for this priority and has committed to meeting the New Mexico Environmental Department's (NMED) interim deadline for implementation of treatment technologies by June 30, 2014. Implementation of the aerobic treatment measure, along with the seven additional requirements stated in NMED's letter dated May 12, 2014, will provide information that is critical to developing the most effective approach for removing the contaminants and ensuring a safe water supply.

We are also very glad to know that Air Force is working to hire a senior civilian to be stationed at KAFB to oversee the remediation process and provide the full continuity and attention the fuel clean-up at KAFB deserves.

Per our discussion, we look forward to receiving an updated version of the milestone calendar included in the March 2011, KAFB, New Mexico Bulk Fuel Facility Spill Assessment Report, and we look forward to your visit to KAFB in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your service and attention to this very important issue.

Sincerely,



TOM UDALL
United States Senator



MARTIN HEINRICH
United States Senator



MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
United States Representative